GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Import of Edible Oils
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether edible oil seed production for the current year is forecast to be an all time high, but is not reflected in lower edible oil prices and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
(b) whether there is an acute shortage in palm oil supply, the largest and cheaper buffer stock for common man and if so, the measures taken by the Government to make edible oils affordable to common man;
(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the import of edible oils in view of their shortage and rising prices in the country, if so, the details thereof including quantum and value of imported edible oils during the last three years;
(d) whether the Government proposes to impose a ban on the export of edible oils in view of their shortage in the country, if so, the details thereof including efforts made to make the country self-sufficient in edible oil production; and
(e) the percentage of increase in price of edible oils, including soyabean oil during the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a): No, Madam
(b): There is no shortage of palm oil in the country
(c): Government does not import edible oils, however import of edible oil is under Open General License(OGL)
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(d) Export of edible oil is banned w.e.f 17.03.2008 with certain exemptions. In order to increase production of oilseeds and thereby edible oil and to make the country self sufficient in edible oils, a National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is being implemented in the country since year-2014-15 by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare. NMOOP comprise of three Mini-Mission (MM) viz MM-I (Oilseeds), MM-II (Oil Palm) and MM-III (Tree Borne Oils). Under the mission, assistance is being provided to farmers for various components/ interventions in order to increase oilseed production.
The percentage increase in wholesale price of major edible oils including soyabean during the current year is as follows:
Price in Rs/Quantity in Quintal
Name of oil
Price as on 30.11.16
Price as on 30.03.16
Variations %
Groundnut oil
12580.82
11719.2
7.35
Mustard oil
10234.16
9829.03
4.12
Soyabean oil
7835.22
7403.96
5.82
Sunflower oil
8780.56
8894.22
-1.28
Palm oil
6612.04
6139.34
7.70
Source:- Department of Consumer Affairs
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